



Woodpeckers'



Ask Me About Newsletter

Spring Term

24th May 2024

Maths

This half-term we have covered a few different topics: statistics, shape and position and direction. In the statistics unit the focus was line graphs, we practised drawing them and interpreting information from them. In our shape unit the main focus was angles. We recapped acute (less than 90°), obtuse (more than 90° and less than 180°) and right angles (90°). We then introduced reflex angles (more than 180° but less than 360°). We completed problems finding missing angles on a line (that total 180°) and on a point (that total 360°). In our position and direction unit we looked at co-ordinate grids plotting co-ordinates, translating co-ordinates and shapes (moving from one place to another) and reflecting shapes on a grid.

English

This half term we have been really focusing on the skills we already know and how to develop these in our writing so that it is cohesive and interesting to read. Now that our sentence structure is mostly good, we are looking at developing our language to ensure we up-level our writing.

We have written a survival guide, which was informal and could use humour. We have also written a retell from part of our guided reading text, Kensuke's Kingdom. In the final week of term, we had a go at writing some free verse poetry to work on our figurative language (without needing to rhyme!).

Geography

Our new topic is rivers. For the first half-term we have been learning about the physical geography of rivers and have learnt lots of new geographical vocabulary to describe the different parts of a river (source, mouth, meander, tributary, confluence, upper course, middle course, lower course). We started by looking at a case study of the River Axe in South West England, we are now applying this knowledge a bit closer to home to the River Adur. We are looking forward to the trip the first week of next half-term to put this knowledge to use in our fieldwork activities at Dell Quay and Fishbourne Meadows.

Science

This half term's topics have been pollution and changes. We looked closely at what plastic pollution is and how it's affecting the oceans and rivers around the world. The second topic was changes, so looking at dissolving, separating materials, evaporation, reversible and irreversible changes. We spent our afternoons investigating which substances are soluble and insoluble. Then we had a go at trying to reverse these changes by evaporating and filtering or sieving. It was good fun!

Art

We have been using watercolours and exploring paintings by Constable and Turner. After half-term we will be do our final piece, a watercolour inspired by photos of the seaside.

Date for your diaries

Tuesday 4th June - Trip to Dell Quay. See trip letter. Children need to arrive by 8.30.a.m. and will return by approximately 3.30p.m.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Atkins and Miss Heard

Homework	
Reading	Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary. Reading diaries are checked on Mondays.
Topic	The next topic grid will be sent out after May half-term. At least one piece of homework need to be brought in during the last week of the half-term.
Spellings	The spellings for the week will be stuck in reading diaries each Monday. The spelling test will be on Friday each week.
Times Tables	Mighty Multiples will be completed in school every Friday. Any practise you can do on your focus times tables at home will help. One way to do this is on Times Tables Rock Stars https://trockstars.com/